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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT: MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP AT UNGA

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF CCD WESTERN GROUP (US, UK, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS AND CANADA), PLUS FRG AS PROSPECTIVE GROUP MEMBER, HELD FIRST MEETING ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN UNGA OCT. 22. MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON DISARMAMENT ITEMS AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS.

2. NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS. MARTIN (US) OUTLINED US POSITION ON RES COVERING INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. BARTON (CANADA) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SEEKING RES WHICH REFLECTED DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER STUDY OF THESE WEAPONS BY EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN ICRC LUCERNE MEETING, AND HOPED TO AVOID LANGUAGE
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PREJUDGING FURTHER ACTION ON SPECIFIED WEAPONS.

DIBERNARDO (ITALY), WHO HAD ATTENDED LUCERNE MEETING, SAID AGREEMENT SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN REACHED THERE TO "GO SLOWLY" ON WEAPONS QUESTION, BUT THAT NON-ALIGNED NOT WHOLLY SATISFIED WITH TIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW). MARTIN REPORTED SOVIET AMB. ROSHCIN'S COMMENTS ON CW RES (SEPTEL), NOTING THAT WE HOPED AVOID LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ON CW RES THAT TOOK PLACE LAST GA. ALLEN (UK) REPORTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA, WHO HAD PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN CW RES IN 1973 SESSION, WOULD ACCEPT RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR BUT WOULD WANT TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO US-USSR SUMMIT PLEDGE TO CONSIDER JOINT CW INITIATIVE FOR CCD. BARTON AND NISIBORI (JAPAN) BOTH EMPHASIZED THEIR INTEREST IN PROGRESS OF WORK OF JOINT INITIATIVE; THEY WERE TOLD THERE WERE NO DEVELOPMENTS.

4. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES). BARTON SAID CANADA WOULD NOT PROPOSE CTB RES THIS YEAR, AND NOTED LIKELIHOOD OF SEVERAL RESES COMBINING CTB AND PROBLEM OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. IN CANADIAN VIEW, CTB PORTION OF ANY SUCH RESES SHOULD BE GENERAL AND NON-CONTENTIOUS. CANADA FAVORED STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF PNES IN IAEA, CCD OR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE; IT HAD DOUBTS OF VALUE OF AN UNSYG STUDY WHICH WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE VARIETY OF VIEWS ON PNES. COMMENTING ON DRAFT DUTCH CTB/PNE RES, BARTON SAID CANADA COULD ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT OR TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PNES TO IAEA AND ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF PNE ISSUE TO CCD. NISIBORI CIRCULATED DRAFT JAPANESE RES ON PNES (SEPTEL), AND EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ON PNE ISSUE. HE ALSO ASKED FOR "FRANK COMMENTS" ON PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED DRAFT RES ASKING SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES (USUN 4145). BARTON NOTED HIS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON LATTER. VAN DER KLAUW (NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THAT SECRETARIAT STAFF WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN WHAT IT SAW AS POLITICALLY CONTENTIOUS STUDY OF PNES. HE ALSO SAID DRAFT DUTCH RES ON CTB/PNES GIVES PREFERENCE TO CCD DISCUSSION OF PNES SINCE IAEA LARGELY CONCERNED WITH ASSISTANCE IN NUCLEAR FIELD TO LDCS.

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5. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. VAN DER KLAUW SAID IOPZ COMMITTEE HAD NOT YET PREPARED IOPZ RES AND AUSTRALIANS HAD REPORTED TO THEM THAT THERE MANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG COUNTRIES ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT RES. NISIBORI SAID THAT IOPZ COMMITTEE HAD GIVEN UP ATTEMPT TO DRAFT RES SATISFACTORY TO ALL IN GROUP AND THAT JAPAN WOULD PARTICIPATE WITH SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES IN MEETING THIS WEEK TO ATTEMPT TO DRAFT RES.

6. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). VAN DER KLAUW REPORTED HE HAD TOLD SOVIETS THAT IT CLEAR GA COULD NOT YET ESTABLISH PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WDC; SOVIETS GAVE NON-COMMITTAL REPLY THAT ISSUE NOW UP TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND VAN DER KLAUW GAINED IMPRESSION SOVIETS NOW DOWNGRADING WDC. METTERNICH (FRG) SAID SPANIARDS ATTEMPTING WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE WDC RES WITH MEXICO AND NIGERIA, ALTHOUGH HE NOT AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS.

7. CCD ENLARGEMENT. MARTIN SAID THAT WE WOULD BEGIN PREPARATION OF ENLARGEMENT RES FOR CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES AND SOVIETS. ALL WESTERN GROUP MEMBERS AGREED THIS DESIRABLE.

8. ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION. MARTIN TOLD WESTERN GROUP WE COUD SUPPORT APPROPRIATELY MODIFIED SOVIET EN MOD RES, THAT WE AGREED QUESTION COULD BE REFERRED TO CCD, AND THAT WE INTENDED TO SEE SOVIETS ON LANGUAGE CHANGES WHEN WE HAD VIEWS OF WESTERN GROUP AND OTHER ALLIES ON DESIRABLE CHANGES IN RES. DRAWING ON STATE 223020, MARTIN POINTED OUT PROBLEMS WE HAVE WITH SOVIET RES AND OUTLINED CHANGES WE MIGHT PROPOSE TO SOVIETS, STRESSING THAT THESE CHANGES (BASED ON JOINT SUMMIT STATEMENT) MERELY REFLECTED DELEGATION THINKING. BARTON SAID CANADIANS, WHO HAD BEEN ASKED BY SOVS TO CO-SPONSOR, WOULD NOT DO SO; THEY BELIEVED SIMPLE RESOLUTION WITHOUT PREJUDGMENTS OF ISSUE DESIRABLE. OTHER GROUP MEMBERS, EXCEPT NETHERLANDS REP, EXPRESSED BASIC AGREEMENT WITH US APPROACH AND READINESS TO CONSIDER LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY US. MEERBURG (NETHERLANDS) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION A COMPLICATED ISSUE. IN DUTCH VIEW UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE INVOLVED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE STUDY OF PROBLEM, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ACTIONS
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